

# Chapmanslade School

## Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> July 2022



### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

What a glorious weekend! I hope you and your families were able to enjoy the weather. I have been showing round many prospective staff and parents over the past week, and I am always reminded how grateful we are to have such a wonderful little school, situated in such a beautiful location. Visitors (not to mention staff, pupils and parents too) have been marvelling at the birds taking their first flights from their nests, swooping overhead gracefully recently. Personally, I could not ask for a better place to work!

It is set to be another hot week in school. Please remember to apply sun cream to pupils in the morning before school and send them with more if possible. Sun hats and full drinks bottles are essential too. We will be following local guidance in respect of the heatwave and will ensure pupils are kept well hydrated and as cool as possible. As mentioned on Friday, pupils are welcome to wear school PE kits on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (as well as sports day) this week, regardless of when their usual PE day is. Please can all pupils wear school uniform on Friday for our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday event. We recommend summer dresses for girls and shorts & gold polo shirts for boys.

In September, we will be returning to the previous system for PE, in which we ask for PE kits to be in school every day in a drawstring bag. Pupils will therefore get changed for PE lessons in school. Not only does this give teachers more flexibility in teaching (bearing in mind the pesky British weather), practising changing independently is something we feel is an important skill for future. This does also mean that we need to re-iterate that, as our uniform policy states, we do not have the capacity for children to bring in rucksacks due to lack of space. All pupils should have a school book bag in September please. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

We were joined in school on Friday by Basil from the Wiltshire Library Service to tell us all about the Summer Reading Challenge. This opens on 16<sup>th</sup> July and all pupils are invited to participate. We look forward to seeing which of our superstars will rise to the challenge of reading six books over the holidays and completing their reading challenge chart!

Also on Friday, we were visited by Alison from Newland Homes, who came to announce the winner of the creative writing challenge. Oak Class were invited to take part in. They were so impressed with the quality of work, they even gave extra prizes to pupils! Well done to Alfie, who won the competition! Alfie was awarded a £25 gift voucher for Ellenbray toy shop in Frome. Erin and Isis were awarded second place, receiving a £15 voucher each – well done, girls! A special mention also for Faye, Harry, Poppy, Lauren, Caydon, Annabelle and Holly who were given a specially knitted hedgehog. We are very proud of you for representing our school so well, Oak Class!

As you may have seen, our garden was completed at the weekend. We will officially open this, naming it as our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Garden at our event on Friday. We also look forward to the arrival of a new bug hotel in September to go in the garden, which has kindly been donated to the school by Newland Homes following our continued collaboration with their new site in the village.

End of year reports will be sent out on Wednesday, a few days earlier than previously advertised. These will also contain SATs results for our Year 6 pupils. If you would like to discuss your child's report further, we ask that you make an appointment through the school office to meet with teachers in the final week of term.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day and our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration this week. Please do walk if you are able to, as we are expecting both events to be very busy!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Cottrell

### Diary Dates - please note some updates/changes (highlighted)

Date	Time	Event
11/07/22		Y6 Kingdown Transition Day
	12:15	Lunchtime Football Club (Mr Phillips Yr 1-3)
	3:15	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
12/07/22		Y6 Kingdown Transition Day
		Whole-School Move Up Day
	3:15	Multi-Sports (Yr 4-6)
13/07/22	9:00	Sports Day
	3:15	Multi-Sports (Yr R-3)
	3:15	School Reports Home (includes Y6 SATs results)
14/07/22	3:15	Fun Science Club (Yr 1-6)
15/07/22	9:00	Willow Swimming
	2:00	Chapmanslade Primary School 150 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Event <i>please walk if possible</i>
	4:30	150 <sup>th</sup> Birthday School Disco (free to attend)
		<i>Please Note - No After School Clubs in Final Week of Term</i>
18/07/22	12:15	Lunchtime Football Club (Mr Phillips Yr 1-3)
22/07/22	9:00	Y6 Leavers' Service
	10:30	Willow Swimming
22/07/22		<b>End of Term 6</b>

### Important Dates for 2022-23

01/09/22	TD Day - School Closed to pupils
02/09/22	TD Day - School Closed to pupils
05/09/22	<b>Term 1 Begins</b>
03/01/23	TD Day - School Closed to pupils
Term 5	Redwood Class Swimming
Term 6 3-5 <sup>th</sup> July	Redwood Class Residential @ Mill on the Brue (Details TBC in September)
Term 6	Willow Class Swimming
24/07/23	TD Day - School Closed to pupils
25/07/23	TD Day - School Closed to pupils